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E.O. 11652: GDS AGS: PBOR, SO, ET

SUBJ: SIAD'S PARLEY BID SERIOUS

REF: MOGADISCIO 0099

1. SUBSEQUENT TO THE FILING OF REFTEL, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED ON JANUARY 15 BY CIRCULAR NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE STATEMENT PRESIDENT SIAD MADE ON JAN. 6. ALTHOUGH THE NOTE DID NOT TRANSMIT THE COMPLETE SONNA RELEASE, THOSE PORTIONS EXCERPTED WERE IDENTICAL TO THE TEXT OF THE SONNA CONFIDENTIAL

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RELEASE. IN THE VERSION TRANSMITTED BY NOTE PARA ONE A OF REFTEL WAS UNDERSCORED BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS "ADDING THAT THE SDR IS FULLY PREPARED..." AND ENDING WITH THE FINAL SENTENCE. THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA ONE D, "WE ARE READY TO DIRECTLY MEET AND DISCUSS WITH THE ADDIS AUTHORITIES, IF THEY ARE WILLING TO DO SO," WAS ALSO UNDERSCORED. (UNFORTUNATELY THE NOTE DROPPED A FULL LINE FROM THIS

SENTENCE, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS WAS A TYPOGRAPHIC ERROR.)

- 2. PRESIDENT SIAD RETURNED REPEATEDLY TO HIS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN HIS MEETING WITH WESTERN CHIEF OF MISSION ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 16. (SEPTEL).
- 3. COMMENT: GIVEN THE UNUSUAL IMPRIMATUR PLACED ON SIAD'S REMARKS, AND THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE AFFIRMATION OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO TALKS, WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS OFFER. THE GSDR MAY NOT YET HAVE CAREFULLY WEIGHED THE NEXT STEP, BUT IT CLEARLY WANTS ITS DEALOGUE MESSAGE HEEDED.

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